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JAPANESE ASTERS.

THE HOME GARDEN

COLLECTION

GIANT LEAVED
COLEUS.

✿ ✿ HERBERT J. RUMSEY ✿ ✿

Seed Merchant, "Boronia," Dundas, New South Wales.

WELCOME, 1908.

AS this is being written (in February) we are rejoicing at the break-up of the drought, which has been affecting, more or less, the greater part of Australia during the last six months; here at Dundas, Pumpkin, Melon and Tomato Seeds are germinating, and plants making their dilatory appearance from seed sown in August, 1907. We are having Spring and Autumn combined this season, but there is now every prospect of a good winter.

On account of the drought, and sowing being suspended in many districts, we did not send out all our 1907 Catalogues, of which we had 15,000 printed, so this year we are having a supplement printed with some very fine illustrations to send with the 1907 Catalogue. Prices are unaltered, except where noted in the Supplement.

"The A.B.C. of Vegetable Gardening" is approaching completion, its publication in the *Farmer and Settler* taking longer than was anticipated, but no pains are being spared to make it the most-up-to-date book on gardening ever published in Australia.

In the 1907 Catalogue we offered the book at 1/- for advance orders, and all received up to April, 1908, will be sent when ready without extra charge; but as the printing, etc., will be more costly than was anticipated, we cannot undertake to post any further copies after this date for less than 1/6.

In the 1907 Catalogue we showed a sketch from the suggested design for our Seed Warehouse, but our architect improved on that, and we show, this year, an actual photograph of the complete building. We are having some post cards prepared from this photograph, and shall be prepared to send one to any customer with an order for Seeds, if requested.

OUR COLOURED PLATES.

THE HOME GARDEN COLLECTION.—This is a collection of extra Choice Flower Seeds, 4 packets, with a mixture of Colours in each. The price is 6d. per packet, or the four for 1/6.

LILLIPUT ZINNIAS.—Zinnias are hardy useful flowers for the garden. The Double "Lilliput" forms a compact bush, which bears quantities of small symmetrical cone-shaped flowers. The colours range from pure white, through all the creams and buffs to chrome yellow, and from a delicate pink to a deep crimson.

CARNATION, CHAUBANDS PERPETUAL BLOOMING.—These are a French Carnation of the Marguerite type, fringed edges exquisitely scented, and flowers within three or four months from seed; very free flowering, and mostly doubles from seed. Colours from white through all shades and colours to maroon.

ASTER, JAPANESE.—Beautiful flowers of immense size, with long petals curiously waved and curled. They grow to fourteen inches in height, and produce a number of enormous flowers of various colours.

COLEUS, GIANT LEAVED.—Special mixture. The illustration does not do justice to the fine colours and markings of these gorgeous plants. A packet of good Coleus gives more pleasure to the gardener with little space at his disposal than any pot plant we know of; seldom two seedlings coming alike.

THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS.

In our Coloured Plate, the artist has endeavoured to portray a bunch of choice varieties, but, though they form a pretty picture, they are not to be compared with the real thing.

The list, commencing with the top left hand, is:—

- (1) NIPHETOS—A pure White Rose, very long in the bud; a very fine rose.
- (2) THE BRIDE—The illustration does not do justice to this variety, which is white, tinged with greenish yellow and the faint blush of pink on the outer petals.
- (3) ETOILE DE FRANCE—Colour velvety crimson, centre vivid cerise red; blooms large, full and magnificent; cupped form; very beautiful. Winner of many medals.
- (4) GLOIRE DE DIJON—Climber, yellow and buff, shaded salmon; large, full and free grower.
- (5) MONSIEUR TILLIER—Pale sulphur yellow, tinged with pink.
- (6) FRAU LILLA RAUTENSTRAUGH—Apricot orange, suffused with yellow, tinted rose, flowers large, full and high centre. Growth vigorous, good for exhibition or garden—a first rate variety.
- (7) THERESA LEVET—Velvety crimson, large and full, good form.
- (8) MEDEA—Large globular bloom, full and well-formed; lemon-yellow, canary centre; vigorous grower.
- (9) REINE MARIE HENRIETTE—Climber, bright rosy cerise, sometimes crimson; large, long bloom, good shape, free flowering and good grower.
- (10) KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA—Climber, pure white, with orange centre; outer petals reflexed. A grand variety for either show or garden.

Many people in the country fail to realise how easy it is to send a parcel of plants by parcel post. We can send this Coloured Plate Collection of 10 Roses by parcel post, postage paid, to any part of Australia for 9/-. Some of these are quite new varieties, and the collection includes not only Climbers and Dwarfs, but all Colours, from the PURE WHITE "NIPHETOS" to the DEEP CRIMSON ETOILE DE FRANCE.

Where it is possible to get them by rail in New South Wales we will send that way in preference, as we can send larger plants. But no plant will be sent by post that is not likely to grow well and freely.

Seed Merchant | HERBERT J. RUMSEY | Dundas, N.S.W.

VEGETABLE NOVELTIES for 1908.

New Lettuce—BRITTLE ICE

Very large, extremely crisp, Hard-heading and Extra Long-standing.

A most distinct variety, of the crisp-head type. It grows to a larger size, makes larger heads, is of a more pleasing appearance, and retains its crispness and mild flavour to a greater degree during the summer months than any others of the type. It is especially adapted to hot weather, and more especially for the home garden.

The plants are of quick, strong growth, attaining a diameter of 12 inches, with good cultivation.

The leaves are of a soft bright green, growing closely round the head. The heads are tightly folded, 6 to 8 inches in diameter, blanched to a silvery white, and nearly as crisp and brittle as celery.

Packets 6d, post free.



New Tomato—"Nameless."



We sent out some hundreds of trial packets of this new early Tomato last year, asking for reports on it, but as the season turned out so dry few had opportunity to give it a fair trial. The first report to come in was from probably the most distant customer to whom we sent it, Mr. Lawrie, of Suva, Fiji. He thinks it a most valuable introduction, and suggests the name "Vakalewena," which is a Fijian term for describing it as "solid and meaty," but we will wait another season before deciding on a name.

Mr. Lawrie says he has grown it in comparison with "Duke of York," "Mikado," and "Matchless," and he considers it superior to any of these; it fruits earlier by several weeks. The fruit is mellow, and rich in flavour. "Nameless" is a deep pink or purplish pink tomato of the Earliana type, and while it is fully as early, it possesses greater sweetness and entire freedom from acidity.

The larger fruits borne in clusters of from 3 to 5, measure 3 to 4 inches in diameter by 2 to 2½ inches deep from stem to blossom. Both skin and flesh are of a deep pink or purplish pink, pleasing to the eye, while the crystalline flesh is of a sweet mild flavour. Packets, 1/-, post free.

New Sweet Corn—

GOLDEN BANTAM

We have not half appreciated Sweet Corn or Table Maize in Australia. Instead of its being a staple dish, as it is in most parts of America, it is seldom seen here.

Most of the table varieties of Maize are white, but "Golden Bantam" is yellow as the name implies. But at the same time it is the tenderest and sweetest variety grown.

It is valuable for its earliness and for its productiveness, producing as many as three good ears to the stalk.

The grain comes off the cob very easily.

It is called "Golden Bantam" because the grain, when fit to use, is a rich creamy yellow, deepening to orange yellow as it ripens, and it is a dwarf variety, the stalks averaging from 4 feet in height.

One who has tried it, writes—"Golden Bantam" is the best early table Sweet Corn I have ever tasted, and many others who have tried it agree with me. Have eaten other corn as sweet, but none with so good a flavour. Expect to plant it for Medium and Late crops next season." 6d, packet, post free.

DWARF SUGAR PEA.

We have offered the tall variety of Edible Podded Peas for some years, but as many gardeners object to the training of the vines, we are now placing before them a dwarf variety. The vines only grow to a height of 15 inches. The blossoms are of a purplish colour.

They should not be shelled, but broken in halves or threes and cooked like french beans, and served with melted butter sauce, when they will be found to be a most delicious dish. 2 oz. packet, 6d.

If you have not got a Copy of

OUR GENERAL CATALOGUE,

send a Postcard for it.

Seed Merchant HERBERT J. RUMSEY Dundas, N.S.W.

NOVELTIES FOR 1908.

FLOWER SEEDS.



TOM THUMB NASTURTIUMS (Gorgeous Mixture).

A bed of these dwarf bushy plants makes a very gay show on a raised bed in the garden. The Mixture we offer here is a special one, comprised of Choice Large-flowered Varieties selected by our growers, and grown both in mixture and separate strains, properly blended. They are extremely gorgeous when in beds, remarkable both for brilliancy of colouring and perfection of individual flowers. 6d. packet; large packet, 1/-.

KOCHIA TRICOPHYLLA Mexican Fire Plant

A neat little Annual Bush suitable for edging for a garden.

This beautiful bush is rapidly coming into prominence in other countries, and should be tried in every garden in Australia.

It grows 2 or 2½ feet high, and resembles a closely cropped ornamental evergreen.

The globe-shaped or pyramidal bushes are close and compact, and of a pleasing light green colour.

The plant may be grown singly or in the form of a hedge or background. In early autumn the whole bush becomes carmine or blood red, hence the name of Fire Plant, Burning Bush, etc. It is also called Mock Cypress. Flowers are small and insignificant, the beauty of the plant is in its shape and colours. Packets, 6d.



Dianthus Laciniatus Mirabilis.

A most showy and graceful type of this beautiful flower. The plants are of erect carnation-like growth, with slender leaves on long stiff wiry stems. The flowers are single, with exceptionally large deeply-fringed petals, measuring from 2½ to 3 inches across the flower. The fringed edges are deeply and finely cut, more feathery in effect than carnation poppies. In colouring the flowers range from pure white to richest crimson, both in rich self-colours and with the petals blotched and ringed in contrasting shades which rival the finest velvet in richness. 6d. packet.

Another New Marigold.

FRENCH, STRIPED PERFECTION.

In 1906 and 1907 we offered Orange Ball and Lemon Ball African Marigolds as Novelties; this year we have a New French Marigold, *Striped Perfection*. The flowers are considerably larger than other French marigolds, while the plants are equally dwarf, growing only from 12 to 15 inches high. Each plant is covered all the summer long with hundreds of the perfectly double flowers in a most bewildering array of bright "stripes," borders or blendings of colour. 6d. packet.

Dolichos

(HYACINTH BEAN)

Burpee's DARKNESS

Both stems and under side of leaves are purplish red.

Numerous long spikes of pea-like flowers, deep reddish violet. 6d. packet.

Burpee's DAYLIGHT

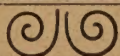
The vines grow to a height of 8 to 10 feet, and blossom profusely from base to summit, the large spikes of pure white flowers standing out boldly from the rich green foliage. As the flowers drop from the long spikes, they are succeeded by broad, velvety showy white pods which retain their purity and freshness of colour a long time before drying up.

Daylight is the greatest improvement imaginable over the older varieties, which have only small flowers. 6d. pkt.

Bush Dolichos.

We have been offering the beautiful Daylight Dolichos for several years, and most of our customers are familiar with its immense spikes of showy white flowers, but this novelty forms a compact bush about 10 inches in height instead of a vine, and the magnificent spikes of white flowers stand up 10 to 15 inches above the foliage.

6d. packet.



New Marigold



Bush Dolichos



SOME NEW ROSES.

WHEN new varieties of Roses are first offered, they are very expensive, but each season as the supply increases the price goes down. The following list has been priced at high prices, up to 5/- each, but this year we can offer them all at 1/6 each, 2/6 posted, or the set of six for 10/-, well packed and postage paid to any part of Australia

We will send our coloured plate collection of ten roses with this new lot, all post paid and well packed, for 18/-



Rambler Roses

1. CLIMBING MADAME DE WATTEVILLE.—A climbing variety of this favourite rose, creamy white, each petal edged rose; large and full; very fragrant; quite distinct.
2. COUNTESS OF ANNESLEY.—Blossoms very large, of absolutely perfect form; large smooth petals of great depth and substance; colour distinct rosy salmon, suffused and crayoned with old gold; deliciously perfumed.
3. LADY ROSSMORE.—A valuable addition to the darker coloured Hybrid Teas. This will prove one of the best decorative or bedding roses. The growth is vigorous and erect, flowering freely and continuously throughout the entire season. Blossoms of medium size, and fairly full; colour reddish crimson, with claret shading.
4. GENERAL GALLIENE.—A Rose of great substance; rich metallic red, presenting a somewhat shaggy appearance when fully opened; blossoms last a long time in perfect state; a grand acquisition, attracting great attention where exhibited.
5. LADY ROBERTS.—Reddish apricot, the base of the petals coppery-red; large, full, and of good shape.
6. DEAN HOLE.—A chaste and perfectly formed flower of marvellous beauty. The growth is vigorous and of free branching habit, flowering freely and continuously throughout the entire season. The blossoms are very large, of great substance, high centre of fine elongated form; petals very large and smooth; colour, silvery carmine, shaded salmon. Absolutely distinct, and by far the finest in its way of colour.

OUR SPECIAL PLANT OFFERS.

These Choice Plants are sent well packed and post paid to any part of Australia at the prices named.

Large Trees.

3 Scarlet-leaved Oaks	...	...	...	for 3/6
1 each, Bunya Bunya, Cedrus deodara and Cryptomeria elegans	...	...	...	4/-

Small Trees.

3 Acacias	...	...	...	for 3/-
3 Double-flowering Peaches	...	...	...	3/6

Shrubs.

3 Hydrangea	...	...	...	for 3/-
3 Abutilons (Flowering Maples)	...	...	...	3/-
6 Bouvardias (assorted)	...	...	...	4/6
1 each, Cassia, Arbutus and Gardenia	...	...	...	3/6
3 Double Hawthorns (3 colors)	...	...	...	4/-
3 Deutzias (3 sorts)	...	...	...	3/-
3 Hibiscus	...	...	...	3/6
3 Variegated Euonymous	...	...	...	3/-
3 Salvias	...	...	...	3/-
3 Veronicas	...	...	...	3/-

Climbers.

1 each, Gelsemium, Solanum and Virginia Creeper	...	...	...	for 3/-
3 Bignonias—Grandiflora, Lindleyana, and Venusta	...	...	...	3/6
3 Bougainvillias (assorted)	...	...	...	3/6
3 Wisterias	...	...	...	3/6

Pot Plants.

3 Double Tuberous Begonias (dry)	...	...	...	for 3/-
3 Single Tuberous Begonias (dry)	...	...	...	3/-
6 Fuschias	...	...	...	3/-
6 Coleus...	...	...	...	3/-
3 Fern-leaved Asparagus (assorted)	...	...	...	3/-
3 Dracænas (assorted)	...	...	...	3/-
3 Streptocarpus	...	...	...	2/6
6 Hardy Ferns...	...	...	...	3/-

Hedge Plants.

100 Privet	...	...	...	for 8/6
100 Salt Bush	...	...	...	9/-
100 Pittosporum	...	...	...	12/-

Palms.

12 Assorted	...	...	...	for 6/-
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Border Plants.

6 Perennial Phlox	...	...	...	for 4/-
36 Violets	...	...	...	8/-
6 Zonale Pelargoniums	...	...	...	4/-
3 Double Petunias	...	...	...	2/6
12 Best Seedling Petunias	...	...	...	1/6
6 Pentstemons	...	...	...	3/6
12 Verbenas	...	...	...	7/-

Plant orders are acknowledged by return post, and are sent on to the nursery at once; but as nurserymen have frequent delays, through weather, &c., they are not so prompt in sending out plants as we are with seeds, so do not expect them so quickly.

Seed Merchant **HERBERT J. RUMSEY** Dundas, N.S.W.



Rumsey's Choice in Vegetable Seeds

MANY of our customers are novices at gardening, and do not know one variety from another, and thus are at a loss in selecting seed from the catalogues. For them we have selected what we know to be good varieties, of the best all round merit; these seeds are undoubtedly as good as the best of their kind, and such as will give our customers satisfaction.

While it is impossible to say what will prove actually the best under local conditions without a trial, yet these particular varieties have so much in their favour that they should be the first tried, and should not be allowed to be replaced by others until those others have proven their superiority.

Rumsey's Choice BEET.

CRIMSON GLOBE—Turnip-shaped, fine colour, cooks well, retaining colour, very tender, quick grower. 3d. and 6d. packet, 9d. oz.

Rumsey's Choice CUCUMBER.

FORDHOOK WHITE SPINE—A very fine dark green cucumber with white spines; medium length; very thick; vines vigorous and prolific.

Rumsey's Choice EARLY CABBAGE.

BURPEE'S

ALLHEAD

EARLY.

A grand early variety. Stands heat of summer well, maturing very quickly, yet of small size. Good for home or market.

Pkt. 3d. and 6d.;

Oz., 1/-;

4 ozs., 3/6;

post free.



Rumsey's Choice LATE CABBAGE.

SUREHEAD—Always heads; heads well; 999 saleable heads out of 1000 plants. We have grown them up to 17 lbs. at Dundas; though large, it is not a coarse cabbage, but is of fine table quality. Pkts. 3d. and 6d.; oz. 1/-; 4 ozs. 3/6; post paid.

Rumsey's Choice EARLY CAULIFLOWER.

WONDERFUL—This is an Early Cauliflower, very reliable, sure to head, and produces compact fine heads of delicious flavour. Pkts. 6d. and 1/-; oz. 3/6; post free.

Rumsey's Choice LATE CAULIFLOWER.

VEITCH'S AUTUMN GIANT—Our strain of this variety has gained a reputation for the fine heads it makes. Pkts. 3d. and 6d.; oz. 1/6; post free.

Rumsey's Choice LETTUCE.

THE WONDERFUL—This is an improved strain of the older New York Lettuce. It will grow to an enormous size, as big as a bucket, and stands the heat of summer well; crisp, and though not quite so mild as some of the more tender sorts, it is the lettuce for the average grower. 3d. and 6d. pkt.; 1/- oz.

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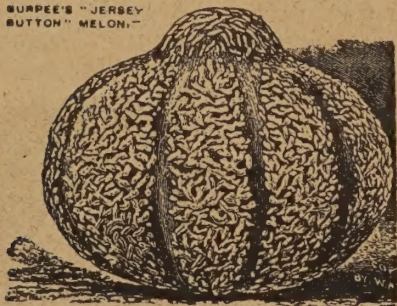
Rumsey's Choice CARROT.



EARLY NANTES.—A very superior half long carrot, flesh quite red to centre, very sweet and mild, quick to mature. Pkts. 3d. and 6d.; oz. 9d.

Rumsey's Choice ROCK MELON.

BURPEE'S "JERSEY
BUTTON" MELON.



JERSEY BUTTON—This is known as the "Button Strain" of "Jenny Lind," named on account of the distinct nub or "button" growing out of the blossom end. The flesh of this melon is uniformly sweet and melting, but the centre of the small nub or button has a concentrated sweetness not found in any other melon. 3d. and 6d. pkt.; 1/- oz.

Rumsey's Choice SUMMER SQUASH.

FORDHOOK—This is the best flavoured summer squash or vegetable marrow that we know of; very prolific and quick to mature; the squashes should be cooked before they are quite full grown.

3d. and 6d. pkt.; 9d. ½-oz.; 1/- oz.

Rumsey's Choice WATERMELON.

HALBERT HONEY—Decidedly the finest-flavoured watermelon for home use or for selling from the garden, but its mass of sugary sweetness is carried inside such a tender skin that it will not carry to distant markets unless packed like glassware. The flavour is delicious and quite distinct; the sweet flesh melts away in the mouth like so much extracted honey. It is quite early and matures in localities where early and late frosts are experienced. 3d. and 6d. pkt.; 1/- oz.

(The grower of melons for market should try "Wonderful Sugar" or "Sugarstick.")

Rumsey's Choice ONION.

PRIZETAKER—This is a fine large staw-coloured globe onion growing to enormous size; it is the best variety for the "New Onion Culture," by transplanting. 3d. and 6d. pkt.; 1/- oz.

Rumsey's Choice PEAS.

RICHARD SEDDON—Though this is quite a new pea, and only under our observation for a couple of years, we must place it in the place of honour; it is early, prolific, and of very fine flavour.

6d. pkt.; 1/6 lb., post paid; 8d. extra to other States.

Rumsey's Choice PARSNIP.

IMPROVED GUERNSEY—The roots of this variety grow thicker than most other sorts, and not quite so long; the flavour is rich and buttery. 3d. pkt.; 6d. oz.

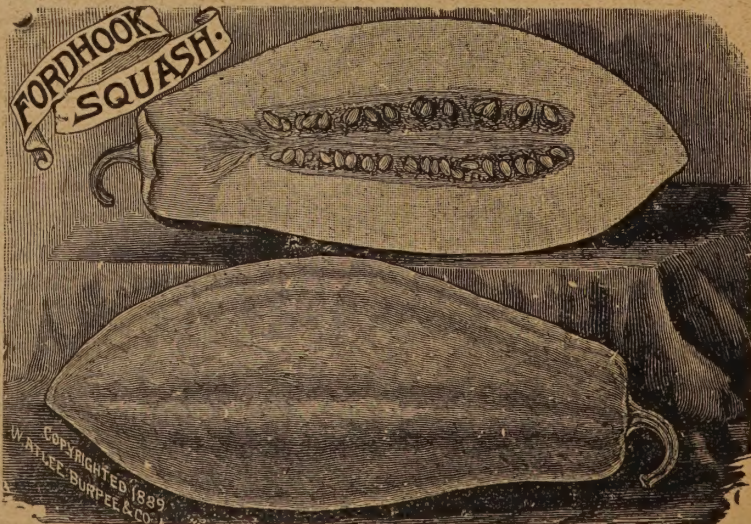
Rumsey's Choice PARSLEY.

EXTRA DARK MOSS-CURLED—The most ornamental parsley for garnishing, the dark green of the leaves making it very handsome, and is of a very fine flavour. 3d. pkt.; 6d. oz.

Rumsey's Choice RADISH.

IMPROVED CHARTIERS—A choice, very long variety, two-thirds of its length being of a crimson-rose colour, and shading off to quite white at the tip. They grow very quickly, and are the finest quality grown.

3d. pkt.; 6d. oz.

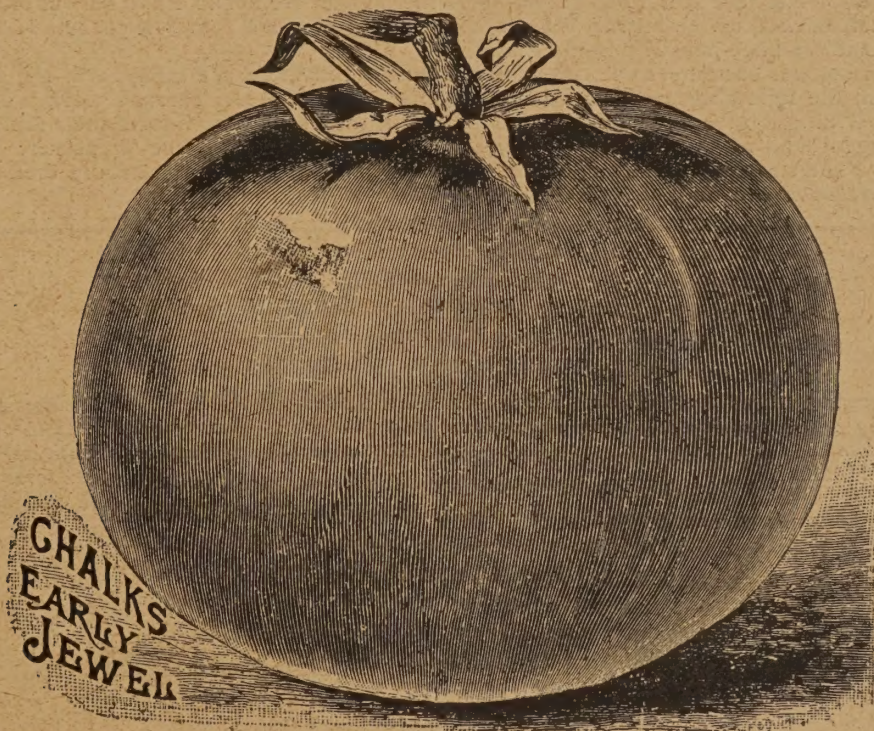


Rumsey's Choice WINTER SQUASH.



HUBBARD—This is the finest of all the pumpkins or winter squashes ; dry, mealy, full of flavour ; when cooked it is generally taken for one of the old-fashioned Ironbark pumpkins.
3d. and 6d. packet; 9d. ounce.

Rumsey's Choice EARLY TOMATO.



CHALK'S EARLY JEWELL.—Very early ; ripens in bunches ; prolific ; plenty of bunches, keeps on bearing ; fine fleshy fruit, fine quality. 3d., 6d. and 1/- pkt.

Rumsey's Choice MEDIUM EARLY TOMATO.

LIVINGSTON'S BEAUTY—And they are beauties ; smooth, round, up to ½-lb weight, purple skin and flesh, solid fruit. 3d., 6d. and 1/- pkt.

Rumsey's Choice LATE TOMATO

MATCHLESS—We have grown over 60 varieties of tomato, but have yet to find a late variety that is better all round than this ; special sorts may do well in special localities, but *Matchless* should be tried in comparison with them. The colour is rich-red ; keeps well ; bears right up to the time when frost cuts it down.
3d., 6d. and 1/- packet

Rumsey's Choice WHITE TURNIP.

EXTRA EARLY WHITE MODEL—Small top, growing to pulp very quickly. 3d. pkt.; 6d. oz.

Rumsey's Choice SWEDE TURNIP.

CHAMPION PURPLE TOP—Yellow fleshed, very large and of good quality. 3d. pkt.; 6d. oz.

Seed Merchant HERBERT J. RUMSEY Dundas, N.S.W.

SOMETHING FOR THE FARM.

WHILE our speciality is Garden Seeds, we are always on the look-out for something good for our farmers. In this way we have introduced DANISH OATS and GOLDEN GIANT OATS, EARLY MASTODEN, and several other varieties of Maize. This year we want to bring under your notice a new Oat that is receiving great praise in the United States, and if it does as well over here, should be a valuable introduction. It has not yet been tried in Australia, to our knowledge, so that reports on its value will be appreciated. The description is :

WHITE TARTAR KING OATS.—A fine and very productive variety, and near Philadelphia has yielded up to 40 bushels per acre. It makes a good growth, with stiff heavy straw 3 feet in height, with a heavy setting of plump white grains, borne in close compact branching heads. In Southern New York where our seed was grown it has been uniformly free from smut. The grain is unusually plump and heavy, always exceeding the standard of 32 lbs. to the bushel. The grain is very white, short, thick and plump, separating readily from the thin husk.
2-oz. packet, 6d.

FARRAR MEMORIAL.

OUR Offer of last year still holds good to give the Farrar Memorial Fund 6d. out of each half dozen packets of the Farrar Wheats sold. Last year we sold 212 packets of these wheats, and we have paid 17/6 to the Fund.

Those of our customers who are wheatgrowers, and there are many, will get some idea from the following paragraph as to the value of the late Mr. Farrar's work ; and if they are willing to give a bag of wheat to the Fund, they need only inform their miller or selling agent who will make arrangements for its value to be paid to the Treasurer.

The Fund stands at present at something less than £100, which is hardly creditable to a wheatgrowing country like ours.

Federation Wheat.

SEVENTY-ONE BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.

An Adelaide telegram is responsible for the statement that Mr. T. Pengelly, of Aldinga, 80 miles south of Adelaide, has been experimenting with eight or nine different kinds of wheat, the crop yielding from 30 to 71 bushels to the acre. The wheat giving the wonderful result of 71 bushels was Federation. Here is another magnificent tribute to the work of the late Mr. Farrar. 71 bushels to the acre! With Wheat at its present price, a few thousand acres under Federation would be worth having. The variety is probably the most successful of the crosses between Purple Straw and Mr. Farrar's Fife Indian Wheats, of which latter Jonathan is typical.

Valuable Grasses.

Paspalum Dilitatum

We have been distributing this valuable Grass for several years, and its usefulness is extending into districts in which it was thought it would never succeed. In the very cold districts its full value is only felt from December to March, but in more temperate localities its season is much longer, in fact it will remain green right through the winter. Best extra heavy hand-shaken seed only, trial packets 6d. and 1/-, post paid ; 2/- per pound, postage paid anywhere.

Rhodes Grass

A new South African grass ; it does well in the warmer parts of Australia. It is a stoloniferous grass, that is it sends out runners like Couch and similar grasses, these runners reaching sometimes 10 or 12 feet ; in a very short time the runners on rooting send up shoots. It is a most valuable grass where it succeeds, but does not stand frost.

1 ounce Packet, 1/-, post free anywhere.

Phalaris Commutata (CANARY GRASS).

This is a new grass with a wonderful reputation ; plants put in at the end of April had grown to a height of 2 feet by June, as many as 167 seed stems being produced by the one plant, some reaching the wonderful height of 8 ft. 6 ins.

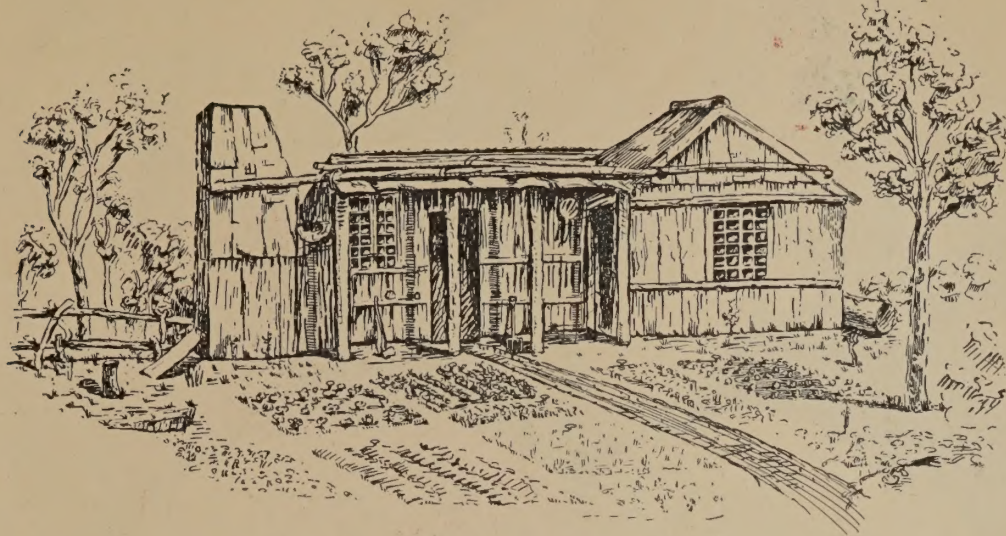
It is reported to be as good a winter grass as Prairie, and more permanent.

The roots are fibrous, foliage very dense, a bright green (especially during the winter). Best sown from January to May. It is a shy seeder, but plants once obtained increase very rapidly, and soon provide plenty of roots for putting out. Yields about 8 tons of hay per acre. 2/- packet, post paid.

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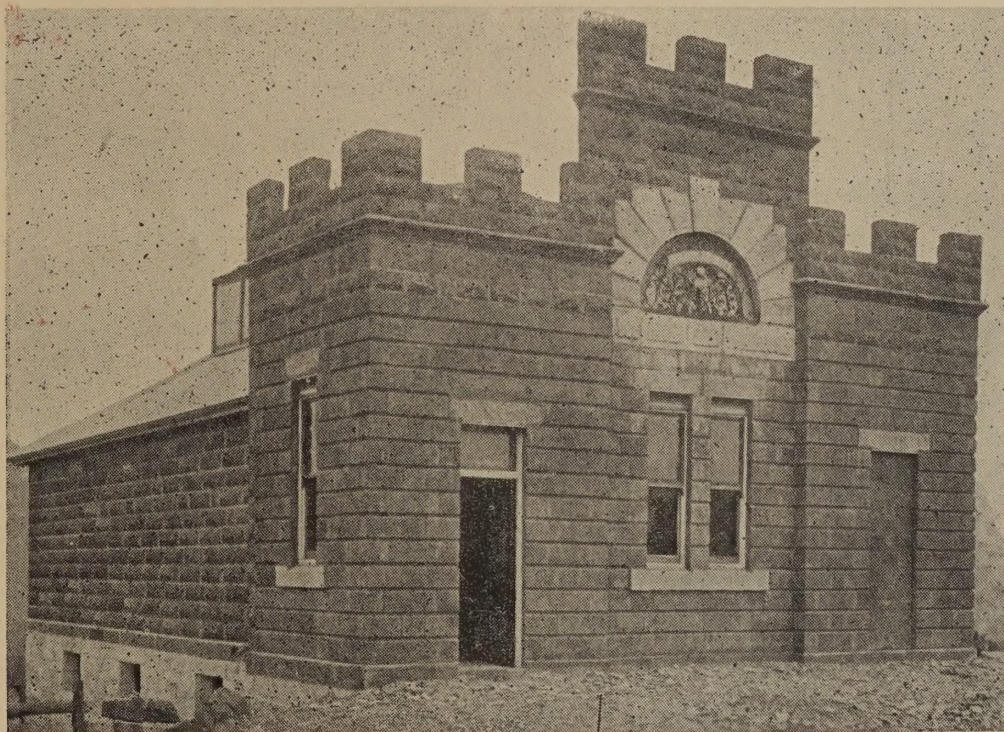
"If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap than his neighbour, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door."—*Emerson*.

WHEN our Seed Business was started, we were located in a little bark humpy on a selection in the bush, but as we sold better Seeds than could be obtained elsewhere, the world made a track, per medium of the post office to our door.



The first home of "Rumsey's Honest Seeds" (1895)

Later on we moved to Dundas, a more convenient locality, and during the year 1907 built our New Seed Store, fitted with every convenience for a large postal business.



The present home of "Rumsey's Honest Seeds." (1908)

Our new Building is certainly the largest Mail Order Seed Warehouse in Australia, and probably in the Southern Hemisphere.

This fine building has been erected solely for our large postal trade. It is built of Hollow Concrete Blocks, made on the most modern American plan; these blocks, with air spaces up and down through them, ensure an even temperature all the year round. The large basement, for storage purposes, is of stone, and foundations, solid concrete. It is amply lighted from above, leaving the whole of the main side walls for shelving.

The office in the front, where all orders are recorded and files kept, is lighted all round. We shall be pleased to see any of our customers who may be visiting the city. It is a nice run out of three-quarters of an hour to Dundas Station, on the Carlingford line, via Clyde on the suburban line. Afternoon is the best time to call, as in the mornings we are rushing to get the day's orders away by the first mail.

We can be communicated with by Telephone from anywhere in the city or suburbs. Our number is 300 x Parramatta.

The confidence in Our Seeds extends far and wide. Orders have been received during the year from France, India, Hankow (China), British New Guinea, Federated Malay States, Singapore, Straits Settlements, Hawaii, South Africa, Canada, California, Ohio, Florida, Mexico and Fiji, as well as from every settled portion of Australia and New Zealand.

In Fiji, where the Climate is so moist and the temperature about 80 degs. all the year round, and seeds will rot unless they have vitality to germinate in a couple of days, we number our customers by the score, almost every white settlement in the group being represented.

Seed Merchant | HERBERT J. RUMSEY | Dundas, N.S.W.



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